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Mental Health

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CONTINUOUS EXAMINATION OPEN SPOT FOR COALINGA STATE HOSPITAL

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER, DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

The Department of Mental Health is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer committed to ensuring the rights of every applicant and employee to work in an environment free from unlawful discrimination and harassment and without regard to race, color, sex/pregnancy, gender, age (40 and above), religion, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability (mental and physical, including HIV/AIDS), medical condition (i.e., cancer or genetic characteristics), political affiliation or opinion, or sexual orientation.

It is the objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state workplace. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

EXAMINATION TYPE

This is an open examination for the Department of Mental Health, Coalinga State Hospital. Examination and/or Employment Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit an Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form to the address indicated below. **DO NOT SUBMIT EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.**

NOTE: All Examination and/or Employment Application forms must include: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year); time base; and civil service class titles. Examination and/or Employment Application forms received without this information will be rejected. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form.

WHERE TO APPLY

MAIL EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO:

**COALINGA STATE HOSPITAL
SELECTION SERVICES UNIT
PO BOX 5002
COALINGA, CA 93210
(559) 935-4305 / TDD (559) 935-7120**

California Relay for the hearing impaired:

From a TDD Phone (800) 735-2929

From a Voice Phone (800) 735-2922

EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION

A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is once every 12 months. If you have taken an examination for this classification with the Department of Mental Health, Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa or Patton State Hospitals or with Salinas Valley or Vacaville Psychiatric Programs within the last 12 months, you are not eligible to compete in this examination.

FINAL FILE DATE

CONTINUOUS TESTING – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE. Testing is considered continuous as examining dates may be set at anytime.

SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark "yes" on Question #2 on the Examination and/or Employment Application form. The Selection Services Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FINAL FILING DATE: CONTINUOUS

**IDENTIFICATION
REQUIRED**

Note: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

EXAMINATION DATES

Qualifications Appraisal: Interviews are scheduled as conditions warrant. Candidates are notified, by mail, a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to their scheduled interview.

SALARY RANGE

\$3,050 - \$4,079 Range A
\$3,185 - \$4,257 Range B
\$3,328 - \$4,449 Range C

The salaries used in the bulletin may not reflect all pay raises or any additional bonuses. You should verify the salary level(s) with the department personnel office before making any commitments.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR
ADMITTANCE TO THE
EXAMINATION**

It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement on the date you submit your application. Your signature on your Examination and/or Employment Application form indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the testing deadline established by the testing office.

**MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS**

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "or" II, "or" III, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern I and additional experience amounting to 50% of the required time of Pattern II may be admitted to an examination as meeting 100% of the overall experience requirement.

Education: Graduation from a school of respiratory therapy approved by the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education for Training of Respiratory Therapists or one supported by the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education.

And

A certificate to practice Respiratory Care issued by the Division of Allied Health Profession of the Board of Medical Quality Assurance of the State of California.

**SPECIAL PERSONAL
CHARACTERISTICS**

Aptitude for and interest in working with acute and chronically ill respiratory clients; sympathetic understanding of respiratory clients, their attitudes and problems; willingness to comply with prescribed procedures; patience and ability to handle stressful situations; aptitude and interest in working with long- term ventilator dependent clients.

**DRUG TESTING
REQUIREMENT**

Applicants for positions in this class are required to pass a drug screening test. Testing of current employees who are applicants in an examination or who are transferring is permitted only if the person does not have a current appointment to a class for which drug testing is a requirement.

**POSITION
DESCRIPTION**

Under direction, at State hospitals or Psychiatric Programs, incumbents train and supervise psychiatric technicians and related nursing staff in the use of equipment and application of techniques; administer the routine psychiatric and nursing services of a unit; coordinate the work and the staff of a unit and work as a liaison between unit staff on different shifts; train and develop shift leads and instruct level-of-care nursing personnel in nursing, habilitation, and rehabilitation techniques for mentally disordered offenders; and do other related work.

POSITION LOCATION(S)

Coalinga State Hospital

**EXAMINATION
INFORMATION**

This examination will consist of a Qualifications Appraisal weighted 100%. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. *Candidates who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.*

EXAMINATION SCOPE

QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL – WEIGHTED 100%

In addition to evaluating the competitors' relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examination will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

Knowledge of:

1. Procedures for evaluating pulmonary dysfunction.
2. Procedures for providing ventilatory assistance to conscious and unconscious clients safely and effectively.
3. Respiratory disorders and appropriate therapeutic methods and practices.
4. Use and care of respiratory equipment, including aseptic procedures and sterilization techniques.
5. Procedures for keeping clients' airway free from obstruction.
6. Basic pathology of respiratory disorders and nursing care.

Ability to:

1. Perform various respiratory therapy procedures safely and effectively, apply emergency methods of cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
2. Employ appropriate test and measures for evaluation of pulmonary dysfunction and to properly interpret results.
3. Obtain the confidence and cooperation of clients.
4. Analyze situations accurately and take appropriate action.

**ELIGIBLE LIST
INFORMATION**

Departmental open eligible list will be established for the Department of Mental Health, Coalinga State Hospital. The eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at Coalinga State Hospital. Names of successful competitors are merged onto the list in order of final score, regardless of date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established, unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veteran's preference credit will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested, these points.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination without a written feature it is the competitor's responsibility to contact the Department of Mental Health, Selection Services Unit at (916) 654-2351 three weeks after the application deadline date if she/he has not received a progress notice.

If a competitor's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach her/him prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, she/he will be rescheduled upon written request.

Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) forms are available at the State Personnel Board, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the Department of Mental Health, and accessible on the internet at www.spb.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Competitors who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The Department of Mental Health reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of competitors and conditions warrant. Ordinarily oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento. However, locations of interviews may be extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Veterans' Preference: California law limits the granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations. Veterans, widows, widowers, and the spouse of a disabled veteran may qualify for veterans' preference credits in Open entrance examinations (15 points for disabled veteran; 10 points for other veterans). Applicable points will be added to the final score of all candidates who are successful in this examination, and who qualify for, and have requested these points. Due to changes in the law, which were effective January 1, 1996, CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS' PREFERENCE CREDITS. Directions on how to apply for veterans' preference credits are on the Veterans' Preference Application Form (Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board Offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

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